

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Independent Emergency Services, LLC** 's Request for Approval of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the **Meeker County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: November 17, 2000

DOCKET NO. **P5270/ES-00-1497**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911
SYSTEM COSTS

BACKGROUND

On August 25, 1981, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Meeker County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services system.

On August 12, 1983, the Commission approved Continental Telephone Company's actual costs incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Meeker County.

On February 21, 1984, the Commission approved Northwestern Bell Telephone Company's actual costs incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Meeker County.

On October 23, 1984, the Commission approved United Telephone Company's actual costs incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Meeker County.

On December 29, 1988, the Commission approved U S West Communication's actual costs incurred a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Meeker County.

On October 23, 1995, the Commission approved GTE Telephone Company's actual costs incurred for adding a portion of Automatic Number Identification (ANI) to the 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Meeker County.

On October 31, 1996, the Commission approved US West Communication's actual costs incurred for adding a portion of ANI to the 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Meeker County.

On November 13, 1996, the Commission approved Melrose Telephone Company's actual costs incurred for adding a portion of a 911 Emergency Services system in Meeker County.

On August 7, 1997, the Commission approved Melrose Telephone Company's actual costs incurred for adding two trunks and a portion of the ANI system to the 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Meeker County.

On July 22, 1998, the Commission approved Melrose Telephone Company's actual costs incurred for adding a portion of Automatic Location Identification (ALI) system to the 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Meeker County.

On August 12, 2000, the Commission approved Independent Emergency Services, LLC's actual costs incurred for adding tandem based E911 services with ANI including two PSAP trunk ports from the Hutchinson to Litchfield Exchanges.

CURRENT FILING

On September 17, 1999, Meeker County contracted with Independent Emergency Services, LLC (IES) for the installation of a portion of the tandem based E911 service in their 911 Emergency Services system.

On September 17, 1999, IES installed tandem based E911 with the capability of providing ANI and ALI services that will be connected to two selective routers to enable 911 calls from customers in the Hutchinson Telephone Company to be routed to the appropriate answering points in Meeker County (ANI certified by Commission Order P5270/ES-99-1816 on August 12, 2000).

On September 17, 1999, IES completed installation of a Tandem dial-out port for the ALI Database and two ALI Database PSAP ports between the Hutchinson to Litchfield and Annadale to Litchfield Exchanges.

On October 17, 2000, IES certified actual costs incurred in providing tandem based E911 services with ALI to the 911 Emergency Services system in Meeker County.

IES is now requesting Commission approval of the actual costs of providing a portion of the tandem based E911 Services with ALI. Commission approval is necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system costs.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by

the commissioner after consultation with the public utilities commission. If the commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section and the governor shall include the estimated amount in the biennial budget request.

Independent Emergency Services, LLC has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and associated costs indicated on Attachment A, reflect only charges for services actually rendered in the direct provision of 911 service in Meeker County.

All charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Meeker County which have been certified by the Company are appropriate and accurate.

Policy References:

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11 System Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1400 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Recurring Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs

ORDER

1. The costs identified on Attachment A accompanying this Order are approved as appropriate and accurate pursuant to the Commission's March 21, 2000 Standing Order Designating Filings Requesting Certification of 911 Costs As Filings Subject to Approval Under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, Subd. 7, Docket No. P-999/CI-99-1723.
2. This Order does not approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 403.11.

3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I _____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the ____ day of _____, 2000 (s)he served the attached **Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for Meeker County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P5270/ES-00-1497.**

XX By depositing in the United States Mail at the City of St. Paul, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage prepaid

XX By personal service

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Notary Public